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Mr. Ashcroft:

Attached are my comments on the Microsoft case. Before you make a decision on this case, please remember all the good things this company has done for our country. It is indirectly responsible for the success of many other companies. Mr. Gates is very generous with his money by helping others as well.

Microsoft is responsible for the technological revolution that we have had in the past few years.

The government needs to leave them alone.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I think it is irresponsible of the government to make such a tremendous fuss about Microsoft. I do not believe the government has any right to interfere in business. Microsoft has been the means by which a great portion of the country has benefited. Bill Gates has done about as much for the country as anyone else. Microsoft is not an oppressive corporation. Because of the advances Microsoft has made, you do not have to be an expert to use a computer. Now, not only has suit been brought against Microsoft, but also there are those who are not satisfied with the settlement that has been reached and are seeking not to serve justice in the matter, but to cripple Microsoft.

Microsoft does not need to be crippled. The settlement that was reached last November is perfectly reasonable. It prevents future antitrust violations and allows competition within the technology industry to return to normal. Microsoft has agreed, for example, to refrain from taking retaliatory action against anyone who introduces a product into the market that directly competes with Microsoft software. Microsoft has also agreed to reformat future versions on Windows so that non-Microsoft software will be supported by the Windows operating system. This will not only allow its competitors the ability to introduce their own software into Windows, it will also enable computer makers to use Windows as a platform to market their own product.

I do not believe it is in the best interest of the public to continue litigation against the Microsoft Corporation. Microsoft has done nothing that would harm the consumer. I urge you to support the settlement and allow Microsoft to move on.

Sincerely,

Sara Smith

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